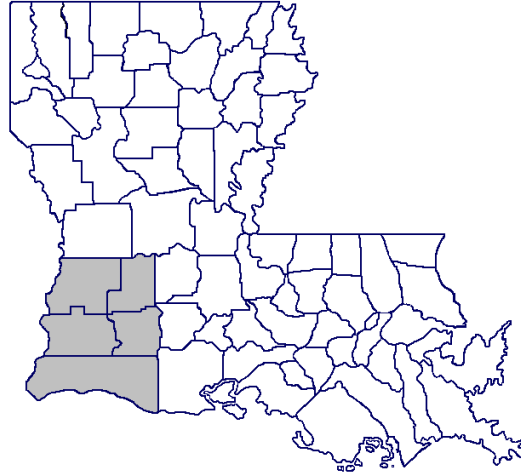


REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 5
FIRST QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW

Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu,
Cameron, Jefferson Davis



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 5 during first quarter 2003 was 110,464, an increase of 0.3% from the fourth quarter 2002, and a decrease of 0.6% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 12 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the fourth quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 17.7% was in accommodation and food services.

Average quarterly employment data for first quarter 2003, fourth quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 49. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 5 with 14,431 employees, or 13.1% of total employment. Calcasieu was the leading parish with 82,262 employees, or 74.5% of total employment.

Total wages decreased 3.0% from the same period in 2002, and decreased by 4.4% from the fourth quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$553.02. Cameron parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$589.21.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 5 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 5" beginning on page 52.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Allen	\$ 453.66
Beauregard	546.62
Calcasieu	575.47
Cameron	589.21
Jefferson Davis	422.96

The number of reporting units in RLMA 5 for first quarter 2003 was 6,654.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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